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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 7, 2006, concerning the above-identified application, please amend the application without prejudice as indicated herein and consider the enclosed remarks favorably.